

in Tampa. It is an anonymous poem, it is entitled, "Miss Me, But Let Me Go."

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that was once shared,  
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in good deeds.  
Miss me, but let me go.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these courageous officers. May they rest in peace.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a tremendous sense of loss and sadness that I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the families and friends of Detective John Gibson and Capitol Police Officer Jacob Chestnut and to their colleagues in the Capitol Police. I would also like to offer my sincerest gratitude to all of our Capitol Hill security personnel who each and every day risk their lives for us, and whom oftentimes we take for granted. Thank you for your service, your commitment and your valor.

Detective Gibson was truly an officer's officer. His work exemplified the truest meaning of service. He is remembered by colleagues, friends and neighbors alike as someone who would do whatever he could do to help, someone who always made people feel safe.

Officer Chestnut was a stalwart of service and professionalism. He always exhibited genuine kindness and gentleness to all of us who were privileged to know him. My family and I remember his assistance during my swearing-in ceremony, his incredible kindness, his guidance, his tremendous warmth.

These two heroes gave their lives in the line of duty in protecting their fellow citizens. They paid the supreme price so that others may live. They leave behind families, friends, coworkers, communities and Americans who will never forget their commitment and their sacrifice. Their passing leaves a void that will never be filled.

We join with the families to remember the special times, and in doing so, Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut will have a permanent place in our hearts. May they rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE BRAVERY OF DETECTIVE JOHN GIBSON AND OFFICER J.J. CHESTNUT

(Mr. SKEEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, the Nation mourns the death of two Capitol law enforcement officers whose lives were taken in the tragic shooting incident last Friday during a busy time in our Nation's Capitol.

As we reflect on this sadness, I cannot help but think what could have happened if these two men had not been so courageous and sacrificed their own lives so that others may live, and for this we owe them a great deal of thanks and gratitude for protecting the lives of all who visit and work in the Nation's Capitol. Today we honor their memory and pay tribute to their heroic action.

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We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Officers Chestnut and Gibson, to Mrs. Chestnut and Mrs. Gibson. We know your deep sense of loss. For that we pray, so that you may somehow feel comfort during this difficult time.

And to your children, we can only hope that your pain will heal in time by knowing that your father is a national hero, and will always be remembered as a courageous and honorable man who gave his life to protect others. May God bless you and may God bless America.

Let me say one other thing that was a gift from these gentlemen. They unified this House, this great Capitol, the two Houses, and we are unified throughout the United States in awe of this great gift that these two gentlemen have afforded us. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts, and will remember them always.

#### COMMENDING AND HONORING OFFICER JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND SPECIAL AGENT JOHN M. GIBSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise for the constituents of the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey in support of two great men who gave their lives on Friday to protect our Nation's Capitol and its visitors. I send my greatest condolences out to the families of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Special Agent John M. Gibson for their bravery and quick action last Friday.

It is the Capitol Hill Police Force that makes it possible for us to do our jobs every day. They also make it possible for all visitors to the Capitol to be able to experience the legislative process, the proceedings which taken here.

I would like to commend and honor those two great men today for their years of service and bravery while protecting everyone who comes to this Nation's Capitol. This tragedy has

touched all of our lives, because it reminds us that no one is protected from violence and guns and people in need of mental care, even in the halls of Congress.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many who serve on the Capitol Police Force, and I commend them, as always, for their sharp responses to situations, in addition to their friendly disposition. It has been an honor to have such men as Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson, who protected us while we were in these hallowed halls.

I will forever be indebted to them for their commitment and protection, and for the safety of the public. They are true heroes, and their bravery is testimony to the best of what our country has to offer.

The Capitol Police officers who selflessly gave their lives are not the only ones who need to be remembered. There was also an innocent bystander who was injured by stray bullets as she escorted her family around the Capitol, Angela Dickerson. I want to send my deepest condolences to her and husband Steve, and their entire family.

Angela was the innocent victim of that random act of violence. I wish her the best of luck in her recovery. We are rooting for her quick and painless recovery, and Angela, we hope that you will come back again to join us in the Capitol, despite your unfortunate experience. This is the people's House, and it must remain just that, open to the people of this Nation.

Angela's experience remains us that no one is protected from random acts of violence. One of my interns, Teresa, was directly above the shooting after delivering a resolution to the floor, and she was lucky not to be directly at the scene. This has been a sad and emotional experience for all of us, whether we knew the victims or not.

Let me just say that prior to my time in Congress, I served as an elected official in municipal and county offices. On the local level, law enforcement, outside of education, is the largest expenditure of local budgets. Because of this, a lot of time is spent with law enforcement people, and we become more cognizant of their sacrifices, the long hours of the police officers, their time away from their families, the day-to-day danger, and their overall dedication of public service.

Let me conclude by saying that an old Negro spiritual said, Let the work that I have done speak for me. There was the age-old saying that, if you can help somebody along the way, then your living shall not be in vain. Officer Chestnut and Agent Gibson's work that they have done speaks for them, and certainly their living has not been in vain.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from Missouri (Ms. DANNER).

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB CHESTNUT

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells us, greater love hath no man than